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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$ **910.00**)

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| Application Type | FILING Fee (\$) | FEES Small Entity Fee (\$) | SEARCH Fee (\$) | FEES Small Entity Fee (\$) | EXAM. Fee (\$) | FEES Small Entity Fee (\$) | FEES Paid (4) |
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| Utility | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 200 | 100 | _____ |
| Design | 200 | 100 | 100 | 50 | 130 | 65 | _____ |
| Plant | 200 | 100 | 300 | 150 | 160 | 80 | _____ |
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2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description** **Small Entity
Fee (\$)** **Fee (\$)**

Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent 50 25

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